

WAIVER OF SECTION 402(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 WITH RESPECT TO THE CON- SIDERATION OF S. 1102

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Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on the Budget,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. Res. 250]

The Committee on the Budget, to which was referred the resolution, Senate Resolution 250, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of S. 1102, the Marine Sanctuaries Act Amendments of 1983, reports without recommendation.

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE ACTION

The Senate Budget Committee has reported without recommendation Senate Resolution 250, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act regarding the consideration of the Marine Sanctuaries Act Amendments of 1983. The waiver was required because S. 1102, the Marine Sanctuaries Act Amendments, was reported by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on October 26, 1983—well past the May 23, 1983, reporting deadline.

The Senate Budget Committee is concerned with the frequency with which Senate committees report new authorizations that require waivers of section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The Senate Budget Committee is aware that, for Senate committees with extensive legislative schedules, it may be difficult in every instance to comply with the reporting deadline for new authorizations contained in section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act. However, most Senate authorizing committees make a point of complying with the 402(a) deadline. Further, this session the reporting deadline for fiscal year 1984 was extended for 8 days, from May 15, 1983, to May 23,

1983, to allow the authorizing committees more time to report out new authorizing legislation.

The Senate Budget Committee believes that waivers of section 402(a) of the Budget Act should be reserved for unusual or emergency circumstances, and should not be required by authorizing committees in the normal course of completing their legislative responsibilities. The committee believes that circumstances causing the late reporting of S. 1102 were not unusual or emergency in nature.

